GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAYMENT OF MONEY TO TALIBAN AUTHORITIES
NITISH SENGUPTA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government paid a hefty sum to the Taliban authorities by way of parking charges, cost of food etc. during the stay of the IAC Plane at Kandahar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No Sir,

(b) However, the Taliban have forwarded bills amounting to US $ 1,11,324 towards food, fuel and other services rendered to the hijacked Indian Airlines Flight IC-814 at Kandahar.Government have intimated the matter to the UN Sanctions Committee in view of UNSC Resolution No. 1267, imposing sanctions against the Taliban.